(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto and whether Government have made any investigation to fix the responsibility of the concerned authorities for such a high level corruption and theft in the catering department of the Hospital; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the investigation and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to provide better quality of meals and other facilities to the patients of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The news report is not factually correct. The quality of meals and other facilities is regularly monitored.

Vacant posts in CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries

2847. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of MO, SMO, CMO in CGHS (Homoeo) which are vacant till date and from what date they remain vacant;

(b) what action Government have so far taken to recruit/promote or post new Doctors in these vacant posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the recent past the CMO(H) were providing consultation to the beneficiaries in Delhi whereas consequent upon the retirement of 2 CMOs Government, have not yet promoted any SMO to the CMO level; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to promote CMO to provide consultation to larger number of beneficiaries in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) In all 12 posts are vacant. The vacancies of Senior Medical Officers and Chief Medical Officers have occurred between 1991 and 1993. Requisition for filling the vacant posts of Medical Officers has been sent to U.P.S.C.

(c) and (d) The duties of Senior Medical Officers and Chief Medical Officers are similar vis-a-vis patient care. However, steps have been initiated to effect promotions.

Career progression of ISM and Homoeopathic Doctors

2848. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in order to take care of the career progression of ISM and Homoeopathic Doctors in the Ministry and Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), a separate section CHS VI was created;

(b) whether it is a fact that that section remains without minimum adequate staff resulting in hurdles in the career and progression of ISM and Homoeopathic doctors;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to inactivity of this section the various recruitment rules, seniority lis of ISM and Homoeopathic physicians etc., are not finalised even after 2(months of its inception;

(d) whether it is a fact that not even a single Homoeopathic physician in CGHS has been selected for the last several years due to inactivity of this section; and

(e) what action Government ar proposing to take to make this CHS VI Section accountable for looking after the backlog and future welfare of ISM and Homoeopathic Physicians in CGHS alone?